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**From:** Harris-Bishop, Rusty  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 2:10:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine wastewater and Lake Powell

From what I understand, we had sampling today to find where the mine release has moved to. It is not to lake Powell yet but o don't know how far it is (100 miles?). We should have some basic information tomorrow. But not tonight.

Rusty.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 7:17 PM, Peterson, Cynthia <Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov> wrote:

Could you help us out with this question?

Thanks!

Cynthia Peterson

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**From:** Mylott, Richard  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 4:24 PM  
**To:** Peterson, Cynthia; Faulk, Libby; Ostrander, David; Smith, Paula; Card, Joan; Myers, Craig; Hestmark, Martin  
**Cc:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa  
**Subject:** FW: Gold King Mine wastewater and Lake Powell

Please advise. Per the question from Arizona news outlet below, I would like to get a good message on Lake Powell impacts and next steps.

Are there any current advisories for Lake Powell? And if no, will we be sampling Lake Powell and using those results to determine if any should be issued?

We can also respond by saying there are no current advisories on Lake Powell and indicate that aerial and ground reconnaissance indicates that the plume associated with the Gold King Mine release has dissipated downstream and there is no leading edge of contamination observable in lower sections of the San Juan River or Lake Powell.

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**From:** Emery Cowan [<mailto:ecowan@azdailysun.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:40 PM  
**To:** Mylott, Richard  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine wastewater and Lake Powell

Hello Rich,

Due to time constraints, I wasn't able to ask my question during today's conference call. Is it possible to get the following answered by the end of the day? I'd like to know the distance of the plume from Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Lake Powell and get a comment from the EPA about whether it recommends recreationists at the lake take any precautions in terms of swimming, drinking and recreating in some/all parts of the lake.

Thanks so much,

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**From:** Mylott, Richard [<mailto:Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 11:56 AM  
**To:** Emery Cowan  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine wastewater and Lake Powell

Hi Emery—some updates here. Also a press call at 3 pm today.

<http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response#updates>

**Aug 10, 3 PM MTN: EPA Daily Media Call on Gold King Mine Release**

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**WHO:** EPA Officials from Denver, Dallas and San Francisco (varies by date)

**WHEN:** August 10, 3 PM (Mountain, MT)

**WHERE:** Conference Dial-in Number:

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Gold King Mine Release – EPA Media Update

On Aug. 5 while investigating Gold King Mine in Colorado, EPA and State Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety triggered a large release of mine wastewater into Cement Creek. EPA is working closely with first responders and local and state officials to monitor water contaminated by the spill. The spill path flows through 3 of EPA's regions (Region 8 (Colorado/Utah & Southern Ute Tribe); Region 6 (New Mexico), and Region 9 (Navajo Nation). EPA has activated its Emergency Operations System to ensure coordinate on among its regions, laboratories and national program offices in Washington DC. EPA is closely coordinating with the officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute Tribe and Navajo Nation.

For the latest information, photos, and data, visit  
[http://epaossc.org/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=11082](http://epaossc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=11082)

**From:** Emery Cowan [<mailto:ecowan@azdailysun.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 12:52 PM

**To:** Mylott, Richard

**Subject:** Gold King Mine wastewater and Lake Powell

Hello Rich,

I am a reporter with the Arizona Daily Sun and I'm working on an update about the movement of Gold King Mine wastewater toward Lake Powell and Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Can you provide information about where the leading edge of the plume has reached and the speed at which it is moving? I also read that the EPA is releasing a more comprehensive analysis of the contaminated wastewater, its danger to humans and animals and how it is being diluted as it moves downstream. When will that be released? Lastly, can the EPA comment on the precautions issued by Glen Canyon National Recreation Area urging visitors not to drink, swim or recreate on the San Juan River near the recreation area and Lake Powell? My deadline is tonight.

Thanks so much,

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